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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 584

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TENTH DAY OF KC DRY SEASON OFFENSIVE

REF: PHNOM PENH 542

1. SUMMARY: KC ACTIVITY AROUND PHNOM PENH WAS NEGLIGIBLE. THE CITY TOOK THREE ROCKETS AND THERE WERE SEVERAL GRENADE TERRORIST INCIDENTS. ENEMY PRESSURE AT VARIOUS POINTS ALONG THE MEKONG CONTINUED HEAVY. FANK UNITS, HARD HIT BY HEAVY FIGHTING, ARE NOW TRYING WITH VARYING DEGREES OF SUCCESS TO RECONSTITUTE THEMSEVLES. END SUMMARY.

2. VARIOUS DIVISION AREAS HAD VERY LITTLE TO REPORT, AS BOTH SIDES INITIATED VERY FEW ACTIONS. ON JANUARY 9, THE KC FIRED TWENTY 107MM ROCKETS AT THE MAIN AMMUNITION DEPOT NORTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH AND SEVEN MORE AT POCHENTONG AIR BASE. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE.

3. KC TROOPS ALONG THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG OPPOSITE THE CITY REMAIN WELL DUG IN, STUBBORNLY RESISTING FRIENDLY EFFORTS TO ROOT THEM OUT. THREE ROCKETS WERE FIRED FROM THE EAST BANK ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 10 INTO

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THE CITY, ONE LANDING NEAR THE FRENCH EMBASSY. FANK

RETOOK ONE OF THE SIX BRIDGES ON ROUTE 61 NORTHEAST
OF THE CITY.

4. FOUR GRENADE TERRORIST INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED IN
SCATTERED AREAS IN AND AROUND PHNOM PENH DURING THE
AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 10. INITIAL REPORTS SAY THAT
FOUR PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 28 MORE WOUNDED AS A
RESULT OF THESE ATTACKS.

5. THE KC CONTINUE HEAVY PRESSURE AGAINST FRIENDLY
POSITIONS ALONG THE LOWER MEKONG.

6. A PRIORITY EFFORT NOW FACING FANK IS THE RECONSTITUTION
AND RESUPPLYING OF SOME MILITARY UNITS HEAVILY HIT
DURING RECENT FIGHTING. COMMANDERS OF THESE UNITS ARE
CURRENTLY TRYING TO BRING THEM BACK TO FIGHTING
STRENGTH, WITH FAIR SUCCESS; OTHERS HAVE A LONGER WAY
TO GO.

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